

ITEM: 14

SUBJECT: POM Wonderful, LLC, Waste Discharge Requirements and Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration, Whole Fruit and Juice Extraction Plant, Fresno County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) and Consideration of Waste Discharge Requirements*

BACKGROUND: POM Wonderful, LLC (POM) owns and operates a whole fruit and juice extraction plant (Plant) in Del Rey, Fresno County.

Discharge of pomegranate juice processing wastewater from the Plant is currently regulated by WDRs. POM proposes to increase production at the Plant, increasing wastewater flows from 1.256 million gallons per day to 1.5 million gallons per day. Juice processing wastewater receives aeration and facultative treatment and is applied agronomically to cropland owned by POM.

Groundwater is of excellent quality and the discharge is not expected to degrade groundwater quality. Staff assessed the environmental impacts of the project pursuant to CEQA, and addressed written comments from POM, the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Water Resource, the Native American Heritage Commission, and Ms. Jo Anne Kipps with minor changes to the WDRs and the ISMND.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the ISMND and WDRs.

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